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Attachments: 2020-04-22 - EPA R7 Covid FOIA Final.pdf

Hi Leslie -

I wanted to alert you to a new FOIA that we have just received from Sierra Club (request date: 4/22; perfected date: 4/30; due date 6/10). I believe other Regions and Headquarters have received same/similar requests, but Sierra Club makes clear that these requests are not duplicative. They are seeking records related to Susan Bodine's March 26 COVID-19 temporary enforcement policy, and MDNR's analogous COVID-19 regulatory relief policy statement. Specifically, they are looking for

- 1) Communications between R7 and Missouri regarding requests for regulatory/enforcement flexibility relating to a list of MO facilities – the list is attached, but the vast majority are power plants
- 2) Communications between R7 and Missouri regarding the “need for statewide, regional, or national regulatory or enforcement flexibility or cessation policies.
- 3) Communications between R7 and the owners/operators of the facilities in 1)
- 4) calendar entries of R7 staff for meetings, phone calls, videoconferences about the Missouri or EPA temporary enforcement policies

Sierra Club also provides a “suggested” keyword search involving 15 or so search strings.

Finally, the request dates back to February 1, 2020.

I will be the POC for ORC on this one. Edie is still marshaling POCs from the other divisions, but it is likely we will be putting together an email search by OEI in the coming weeks. ORC and ECAD will be affected for sure, as might some other divisions.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks – Alex

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